From: Strojny, Aaron (BRI)

**Sent:** Friday, August 19, 2011 11:44 AM

To: Hanchett, James (DPH)

**Subject:** RE: Lab Closure

Thanks for the head's up. You have my support.

From: Hanchett, James (DPH)

**Sent:** Friday, August 19, 2011 8:13 AM

**To:** Strojny, Aaron (BRI) **Subject:** Lab Closure

## Hi Aaron,

I attached article from Springfield Republican from 8/19/11. The Amherst Drug Lab will be closed at the end of September. Drug samples will be submitted to our main lab in Jamaica Plain. They currently have a 3 month backlog which will balloon to 6 months with the closing of our lab and the loss of 4 drug chemists. This closing will pose an undo hardship on Police Departments and the Court Systems Massachusetts. We would appreciate any help you, the DA, local Police or your area representatives can give us.

Thanks,

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